

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL.

BORED COURT AND SPECTATORS

A Criminal's Effrontery Causes Judge to Increase Punishment.

OLD AND GRAY-HEADED

The Penitentiary Defect Will Probably Not Amount to as Much as Given Out—Democratic Committee to Meet in Raleigh Monday—Forgetfulness Leads to a Strange Shifting of Dead Bodies.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Greensboro reveals a case of effrontery that did its possessor little good. Here it is: Superior Court, in session here, with Judge Brown presiding. One of the first cases to receive the attention of the court was that against J. L. Roberts for larceny and obtaining goods under false pretence. Roberts is the man who passed worthless checks on two of the hotels here and stole the overcoat of Mr. Julius Leisel from the Yarrowburgh House during Fair week. When his trial came on he was almost exultingly guilty. He showed much bravado and even conceit in his wrong-doing; and this ill-accompanied with his fifty years and his gray hair. Among other things, he claimed that he was the editor of a Connecticut paper that was attacked by the New York Journal last year. His effrontery bored the court and the spectators; and Judge Brown gave him three years in the penitentiary—changing it, on reflection, to four years.

WRONG REMAINS REMOVED.

A special from Durham says: A few days ago the remains of a woman, Mrs. Martha Kirkland, were removed from Chapel Hill and interred in the Durham cemetery by mistake. The error occurred in this way: Mr. J. L. Kirkland, of this city, decided to have the remains of his father removed to Durham to be reinterred here. The minister who officiated at the funeral and several relatives and friends pointed out what was supposed to be the grave of the late Thomas Kirkland to those who went after the remains. On that information the body was exhumed, brought here and reentered. The error was subsequently discovered, and yesterday the remains of the woman were taken back to Chapel Hill and reinterred, and the remains of Mr. Kirkland's father were brought to Durham. The affair gave rise to a great deal of talk by some who had an interest in the matter, but has been settled now.

THAT PEN DEFICIT.

Chairman Travis of the penitentiary board says that the cotton crop on the farms will yield as much as expected. He was asked if the penitentiary would "come out even" this year, and replied: "Very nearly so," adding that the deficit would not exceed \$5,000. This does not, of course, include the \$55,000 which the State appropriated to meet this year's expenses. That is all gone, not to be refunded. It is now known positively that Mr. J. R. Tillery

will not permit the penitentiary to surrender the lease of his farm, so it will run on for two years more. It is quite safe to say that the penitentiary will never again lease any farms.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

The State Central Committee, which will meet with the Democratic State Executive Committee in this city on Monday night, is composed of the following members: J. S. Carr, Durham; C. B. Watson, Winston; J. H. Pou, Raleigh; T. J. Jarvis, Greenville; R. J. Brevard, Charlotte; E. J. Holt, Fayetteville; T. F. Davidson, Asheville; E. C. Smith, Raleigh; J. R. Webster, Rockingham; I. E. Green, Weldon; J. S. Cunningham, Cuthbert; W. G. Lamb, Williamston; J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; R. L. Holt, Burlington; W. F. Green, Franklinton; George Warburton, Elizabeth City; C. E. Foy, Newbern; C. C. Lyon, Elizabeth City; R. R. Cotton, Falkland.

ELIZABETH CITY.

HIG LOT OF GAME—ORPHANS ENTERTAINED—PERSONAL. (Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 9.—The steam yacht Sybil, of Philadelphia, which passed here a few days ago with a crowd of sportsmen for the lower sounds on a gunning expedition, arrived in port Thursday night with the finest lot of game on board ever seen in this city. The decks were lined with keese, swans, turkeys, quail, deer and bear, and the wharf was lined with people to see the sight.

The Oxford Orphans, who appeared at the Academy of Music Friday night, were greeted by a large audience. Everybody was greatly pleased with the entertainment, which was strictly up-to-date. After the performance the children were escorted to the Masonic Hall by the Masons, where one of the finest suppers ever given here was served.

Mr. J. H. Harris, representing Caleb Haley & Co., of New York, is in our city on business. Mr. Harris is very popular in our city and is always a welcome visitor.

Mrs. Willis N. Gregory left Saturday evening for Philadelphia on a visit to relatives. She will also visit friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. William Swain, who has been confined to his home for several weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Meekin, who have been out of the city for several days, have returned home.

Mr. W. P. Marden, formerly of this place, but now of South Creek, N. C., is in the city visiting relatives.

M. E. CONFERENCE

NOTES OF THE THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 9.—The third day's session of the North Carolina Conference was given largely to routine work under call of question twenty. Most of the preachers' annual reports show considerable gains over last year for missions and other benevolent collections. Bishop Hendrix dispatches business with such promptness it now looks as if Conference will adjourn finally Monday afternoon. W. G. Hightower, a local preacher, who surrendered his credentials while a charge of immorality was pending against him some ten years ago, asked to be reinstated. A warm discussion followed, and the request was voted down. W. F. Galloway, a member of the Conference, who has imbibed radical views on sanctification, withdraws from the ministry and the church.

All the pulpits in the city will be filled by members of the Conference tomorrow.

Dr. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, made a happy little speech when introduced to the Conference yesterday. He lectured last night in the Opera House to an immense audience.

The next Conference will probably be held at Grace Church, Wilmington. The weather continues delightful.

MEBANE.

AGAINST SPIRITUALISM—BRIGHT WEATHER HELPS THE BOYS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Bingham School, Mebane, N. C., Dec. 8.—We are pleased to note that the tone of the press is all in favor of finding Dr. Melver blameless in the recent sickness at the Normal School. The sympathy and support of all good people should be extended to this distinguished educator in this great trial, and we believe that with the cause of the disease removed, the public confidence will be completely restored at an early date.

We note with regret that spiritualists are traveling over the State and that many people attend their meetings or seances. Spiritualism is demology, or devil-worship, and is positively forbidden in the Bible in many places. Before any Christian follows it he should read I Timothy 4:1, and Isaiah 8:19. Few people realize the vast amount of harm and injury that is being done in this way.

Everybody has enjoyed the bright fall weather and the boys are all strong and well. The health conditions continue to be perfect, for which we are thankful. Never in the history of the school has the football practice been more faithful and never have more students engaged in the game than this fall. The game as conducted at Bingham is a great thing for the health of the students. With the beginning of winter the school course of lectures begins. Among the speakers are Presidents Taylor, Alderman and Shearer, and Prof. S. S. Mims, Cobb, Petet and Hume. Dr. Melver and Superintendent Mebane will also deliver addresses. The regular classes in the gymnasium are working steadily, and the boys are preparing to give entertainment in the gymnasium in the spring.

A delightful meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held Sunday evening at which the attendance was large, the new organ just placed in the association room adding greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Rev. Dr. Bradshaw, of Hillsboro, filled the pulpit of the Mebane Presbyterian Church Sunday last.

The Bingham boys are now all playing the old English game, variously called hockey, shinney, or bundy. Large and small alike can play this game, and just as easy or as hard as one wishes, so that it is very popular and affords much pleasure, health and entertainment.

The teachers have been much pleased to hear from Chapel Hill that the Bingham boys there are leading their classes, and this news has given much pleasure to all. The department and scholarship in the school were never more satisfactory than at present. There are promising indications of a large increase in the attendance after Christmas.

Students, go home by the Seaboard Air Line, and get your certificates signed by Superintendent, Principal or President of your Institution.

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HERTFORD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Hertford, N. C., Dec. 9.—Miss Bessie Riddick is visiting in our sister city, Eden.

Mr. T. H. Hoffer has nearly completed his new dwelling, on Main street. A party of gentlemen went out on a quail hunt yesterday.

Mr. J. E. White has on exhibition at his store a handsome watch, which will be given to the person purchasing a cigar with the lucky number.

LITERARY COLUMN

Self Culture Magazine for December contains, among its numerous contributions the following articles, which are very interesting: "A United London Chapel," "The Proposed Tunnel to Ireland," "The Gold and Diamond Mines of Africa," "The Centennial of the Death of George Washington," "The World and Its Doings, Editorial Comment." The Verner Co., Publishers, Akron, Ohio.

The following is the table of contents of the December NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW: Historical Causes of the War, by Rt. Hon. Jas. Bryce, M. P. The War and European Opinion, by Karl Blind. Will the Powers Intervene? by Frances Chalmers. Philosophy and Morals of War, by Max Nordau. The South African Question, by Andrew Carnegie. A Possible Anti-British Alliance, by D. C. Boulger. Also, Some Consecrated Fallacies, by Amos K. Fiske. The Practice of Confession, by the Catholic Church, by the Rev. R. F. Clarke, S. J. The Literary Movement in Ireland, by W. B. Yeats. And articles on the Fifty-sixth Congress, by Joseph Pulitzer, Perry Belmont and John D. Rockefeller. Published monthly at No. 11 Warren street, New York City.

DECEMBER PUBLICATIONS.—THE SOUTHERN MAGAZINE, published at Manassas, Va., contains a critical and biographical sketch of Father Ryan, the Poet Priest of the South, and a comprehensive paper on "Cavour's Theory of Government," by Col. John P. Thomas, State Historian of South Carolina; also an article entitled "Some Astronomical Questions of To-day" by Prof. Stone.

LIPPINCOTT'S complete novel this month is "The Whistling Maid," by Ernest Rhys—"The Magic of a Voice," by William D. Howells, is also good.

The translation by Maria Lonsdale of Jean Francois Ruffinelli's "Alphonse Daudet, and His Intimates" is very interesting.

AINSLIE'S MAGAZINE—by Street & Smith, New York City. The December number of this magazine is, in my opinion, one of the best yet issued, and it shows great progress on the part of the publishers, who are rapidly pushing Ainslie's up towards the head of the long row of monthly magazines. Its contents are numerous, and every one of them is interesting.

SCRIBNER'S—The Christmas number of this always welcome magazine is a gem. Its contents are of the usual Scribner standing—excellent, and leaving the literary part of the book aside, the full-page drawings by C. D. Gibson, entitled "The Seven Ages of Woman" are well worth the cost of the magazine.



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